[28th January 1931

Veterinary

Appointment of clerks in the office of the District Veterinary Officer, Madanapalle.

* 139 Q.—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) during the time Mr. G. A. Ajwani held office in the Madanapalle district as Veterinary Officer, how many clerks were appointed and discharged;

(b) whether charges were framed against the several clerks whose services were dispensed with;

(c) whether any enquiry was instituted into the matter by the Director of Veterinary Services, Madras; and

(d) if so, what is the result?

A.—(a) Three were appointed and discharged.

(b) No charges were framed against any of the clerks, as they were only on probation.

(c) & (d) No enquiry was instituted by the Director of Veterinary Services, Madras.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"With reference to clause (b), may I know why in the case of probationers, the usual procedure of framing a charge, etc., is not followed?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"Men are put on probation to see whether they are fit or not and if they are not found fit, they are sent away."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"On what evidence is a man to be judged? Is it not necessary that he should be told that in such and such particulars he has been found wanting?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"The opinion of the officer under whom they are working is enough."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"May I know, Sir, the period of probation that was fixed?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I want notice, Sir."

11-15 a.m.

Medical

Free treatment in Government Hospitals for the families of Government servants.

* 140 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that only public servants are treated in Government hospitals free of charge and not their wives and children;

(b) if so, whether there are any proposals before the Government that the concession may be extended to their wives and children?

A.—(a) All Government servants are entitled to free medical attendance. The families of the following classes of Government servants only are entitled to free medical attendance:—

(i) Departmental officers with honorary rank who joined the Public Works Department before 11th July 1910;